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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM WALDHEIM

REF: CAIRO 11957

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU SEPARATELY CAIRO TELEGRAM REPORTING SYG WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS ON HIS MEETINGS WITH SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS SO FAR. IN THAT MESSAGE, WALDHEIM ASKS THAT ANY REACTIONS OR THOUGHTS WHICH SECRETARY MAY HAVE BE SENT TO YOU TO CONVEY TO HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS AT 1700 LOCAL TIME WEDNESDAY.

2. WE HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS TO CONVEY TO WALDHEIM AT THIS POINT AND FURTHERMORE ARE CONCERNED THAT FOR YOU TO BE SEEN TO BE CONTACTING HIM IN DAMASCUS WOULD BE MIS-
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INTERPRETED AS INDICATING THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY INJECTING

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OURSELVES INTO WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS TO FIND BASIS FOR
RENEWAL OF UNDOF MANDATE. AT SAME TIME, IF WALDHEIM
RECEIVES NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS MESSAGE AFTER HE
ARRIVES IN DAMASCUS, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT
HE WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO CALL YOU TO SEE HIM, THUS
CREATING THE PROBLEM WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID. IN THESE

CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCREETLY GET
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ONE OF WALDHEIM'S AIDES (POSSIBLY
GUYER WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS ACCOMPANYING HIM): SECRETARY
KISSINGER HAS RECEIVED THE REPORT CONVEYED THROUGH
AMBASSADOR EILTS IN CAIRO AND APPRECIATES SECRETARY
GENERAL'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN KEEPING HIM INFORMED OF
HIS EFFORTS TO DATE. SECRETARY HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE
THOUGHTS TO PASS ON TO SECRETARY GENERAL AT THIS POINT
BUT LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING RESULTS OF HIS CONTINUING
EFFORTS. MEANWHILE, WE ARE PLEASED AT WALDHEIM'S
REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS INHERENT
IN THE KIND OF PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO HIM.
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